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INFO FOR PAOS

1. HIGHLIGHTS. WEDNESDAY THURSDAY PAPERS FEATURE WATER-  
GATE. WEDNESDAY PAPERS INSIDE HAD HOUSE CUT IN DEFENSE  
FUNDS; ALSO RUSSIA, EAST EUROPE ASK THAT CSCE END IN 1973  
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WITH SUMMIT, ALSO ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO TROOP NEGOTI-

ATIONS. THURSDAY INSIDE PAPERS HAVE SENATE PANEL CUTS TRIDENT FUNDS.

1A. MUCH RECENT COMMENT ON FRENCH AND CHINESE TESTS.

2. DEFENSE. THURSDAY NYTIMES FINNEY REPORTS SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE DEALT MAJOR SETBACK TO ADMINISTRATION'S STRATEGIC WEAPONS PROGRAM IN 8-TO-7 VOTE TO CUT 885 MILLION FROM 1.7 BILLION REQUESTED BY ADMINISTRATION FOR TRIDENT PROGRAM THEREBY REJECTING PLANS FOR ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF TRIDENT MISSILE LAUNCHING SUBMARINE. FINNEY OBSERVES SIGNIFICANT SHIFT UNDER WAY AMONG CONSERVATIVES PREVIOUSLY INCLINED TO SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION MILITARY PROGRAMS. THURSDAY BALTSUN CORDDRY REPORTS EFFECT OF SENATE PANEL VOTE WOULD BE TO IMPOSE 2 YEAR DELAY ON TRIDENT WHICH COMMITTEE MEMBERS BELIEVE WILL MEAN MORE ORDERLY, POSSIBLY

LESS COSTLY DEVELOPMENT AND DO NO DAMAGE TO NATIONAL DEFENSE IN VIEW OF PRESUMED CONTINUING INVULNERABILITY OF POSEIDON SUBMARINES, AND DELAYED TRIDENT WILL STILL OFFER ADEQUATE BARGAINING SHIP AT SALT. CORDDRY ADDS CUTTING DREW STIFF CRITICISM FROM SECRETARY SCHLESINGER. THURSDAY WASHPOST GETLER REPORTS GOLDWATER PROXY VOTE ON TRIDENT PROGRAM WAS MISCAST. SENATOR TOWER, ACCORDING GETLER, SAID THERE WOULD BE NEW MOTION TODAY TO RECONSIDER TRIDENT PROJECT, AND UNLESS OTHER VOTES ARE CHANGED, NEW GOLDWATER VOTE IN FAVOR OF TRIDENT WOULD REVERSE YESTERDAY'S ACTION AND GIVE PENTAGON THE TOTAL 1.5 BILLION FOR TRIDENT.

2A. WEDNESDAY WASHSTAR WALTERS REPORTED HOUSE, IN EXTRA-ORDINARY REBUFF TO ITS ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, HAS CUT ALMOST 950 MILLION FROM SPENDING AUTHORIZATION RECOMMENDED FOR DOD PROCUREMENT, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BY VOTE OF 242 TO 163. VOTE REPRESENTED PERSONAL VICTORY TO REP ASPIN, THE SPONSOR OF BUDGET-CUTTING PROPOSAL, AND SIGNIFICANT DEFEAT FOR REP HEBERT, CHAIRMAN ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE.

3. TESTING. WEDNESDAY WASHPOST BRIEF REPORTED FROM TAHITI THE RELEASE OF PROTEST VESSEL FRI AND CREW. WEDNES-  
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DAY BALTSUN PARIS REPORTED FRENCH GENERAL FIGHTS TESTS, SAYING DE BOLLARDIERE DECLARED HE INTENDED BRINGING FRENCH GOVERNMENT BEFORE COUNCIL OF STATE ON TESTING ISSUE. THURSDAY BALTSUN PARIS REPORTS THAT AFTER YESTERDAY'S WEEKLY CABINET MEETING SPOKESMAN COMITI DISMISSED AS COMPLETELY IRRELEVANT REPORTS OF NEW ZEALAND OBSERVERS WHO DOUBTED LATEST TEST WAS NUCLEAR EXPLOSION AT ALL.

4. COMMENT. OUT OF 20 RECENT EDITORIALS ON TESTING, ONLY ONE APPLAUDED FRENCH TESTS, RICHMOND NEWS LEADER SAYING EACH NATION MUST NOW MAKE HARD-HEADED DECISIONS ABOUT HOW BEST TO ASSURE SURVIVAL IN WORLD OF NUCLEAR-TIPPED ICBM'S. HIGHLY CRITICAL OF FRENCH TESTS WERE CHICAGO TRIBUNE, DES MOINES REGISTER, PHILA BULLETIN, PHILA INQUIRER, WASHPOST, WASHSTAR. SEVERAL INCLUDED CHINA IN THEIR CRITICISMS: HARTFORD COURANT, LOS ANGELES TIMES, NEWSDAY, PROVIDENCE JOURNAL, SAN DIEGO UNION, ST- LOUIS POST-DISPATCH. BOTH FRANCE AND CHINA SHOULD SIGN THE TEST BAN ON ATMOSPHERIC TESTS, SAID CHICAGO SUN-TIMES AND DENVER POST. MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SAID AS LONG AS THESE TWO NATIONS FLOUT WORLD OPINION THERE WILL BE LIMITS ON ARMS CONTROL PROGRESS

BETWEEN US RUSSIA. CINCINNATI ENQUIRER, HOWEVER, THOUGHT THAT, DESPITE RECENT TESTS, US AND CHINA CAN WORK TOGETHER TOWARD PEACEFUL WORLD. TWO PAPERS THOUGHT THAT, IN VIEW OF AMERICA'S PAST TESTS, IT WAS APPROPRIATE THAT US NOW REFRAIN FROM CRITICISM: BALTSUN, PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE. SAID NEW YORK TIMES THIS COULD BE OPPORTUNE MOMENT TO PUSH FOR PACT BANNING ALL NUCLEAR TESTS. ROGERS

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